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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POWER SITUATION IN ASMARA

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1. CHIEF OF THE RADIO SECTION OF THE OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
REPORTS THAT HIS OFFICE EXPECTS TO RESUME MICROWAVE TELEPHONE
LINK BETWEEN ASMARA AND ADDIS WITHIN TWO-THREE WEEKS. HE
SAID THAT TELECOMMUNICATIONS HAD INITIALLY OVERESTIMATED
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DAMAGE TO MICROWAVE TRANSMITTER, AND THAT THEY NOW ANTICIPATE

EARLY RESUMPTION OF SERVICE AND WILL ACTIVELY PURSUE REPAIR OF FACILITY. HE SAID FURTHER THAT AT PRESENT THERE WAS ONLY ONE TELEX LINE IN OPERATION TO AND FROM ASMARA, BUT THAT TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE HAS RETURNED TO ITS FORMER LEVEL.

2. ON FEB. 2 AS RESULT FIGHTING AT MAI ATAL, POWER LINE FROM MASSAWA APPARENTLY INADVERTENTLY CUT. LINE WAS REPAIRED AND SERVICE RESTORED ON FEB. 9. DURING INTERIM SEVEN-DAY PERIOD, DOD-CONTRACTOR PA&E GENERATORS WERE

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USED BY ELPA TO SUPPLEMENT POWER SUPPLY TO ASMARA. ON FEB. 14 ONE OF TWO POWER TRANSMISSION LINES FROM BELEZA PLANT, 12 KMS NORTH OF ASMARA, WAS PUT OUT OF COMMISSION. THE CAUSE AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE IN THIS INSTANCE REMAINS UNDETERMINED. PA&E AGAIN IS PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL POWER TO ASMARA UNTIL TRANSMISSION LINE IS REPAIRED. REPAIR OF BALEZA BREAK EXPECTED WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS.
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